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Counselor to the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

CONSUMER PROTECTION IN THE BROADBAND ERA: THE ROLE OF THE FCC

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Thursday, September 24, 2015

5:00 p.m. ~ Registration

5:30 p.m. ~ Lecture

6:30 p.m. ~ Reception

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Ms. Sohn has served on the board of the Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (TPRC) and on the Advisory Board of the Center for Copyright Information. She served on the District of Columbia Bar Board of Governors from 1997-2000. Ms. Sohn has held academic positions at the University of Colorado Law School, the University of Southern California Annenberg Center, the University of Melbourne Faculty of Law Graduate Studies Program, Georgetown University and the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University.

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Ms. Sohn holds a B.S. in Broadcasting and Film, *Summa Cum Laude*, from the Boston University College of Communication and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

PROGRAM

Welcome

MICHAEL J. YELNOSKY

Roger Williams University School of Law Dean & Professor of Law

Opening Remarks

ANTHONY J. SANTORO

Roger Williams University President Emeritus & Professor of Law

Introduced by

BRIAN C. ALI, ESQ. '06

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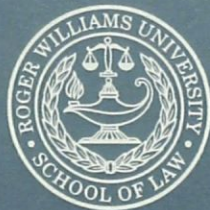
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